# CIVIL WAR

A Superhuman Registration Act has been passed which requires all people possessing paranormal abilities to register with the government. Those who do not register are considered criminals. Some heroes, such as Iron Man, see this as a natural evolution of the role of superhumans in society and a reasonable request. Others view the Act as an assault on their civil liberties. After being called upon to hunt down fellow heroes in defiance of the Registration Act, Captain America goes underground and forms a resistance movement.

After a brutal battle, Bill Foster--the anti-registration hero known as Goliath--has been killed. Other members of Captain America's resistance have been captured and brought to the pro-registration faction's holding facility in the Negative Zone. Both sides have retreated in order to regroup and plan their next move.

Many heroes have been left injured, discouraged and questioning where they stand. While some of Captain America's allies have joined with Tony Stark, Spider-Man is beginning to question his loyalty to Iron Man--and the Invisible Woman and the Human Torch have left the pro-registration side and gone in search of Cap's underground, officially breaking up the Fantastic Four.

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ALL UNITS STAY IN PURSUIT! THEY'RE HEADING DOWNTOWN PAST EAST 40TH AND STRAIGHT INTO TEAMS NINE AND ELEVEN!
SUE! MAKE US INVISIBLE! NOW!
HOLY CRAP!
S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER:
IT HAS TO BE SAID: FLOODING THE STREETS WITH S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENTS HAS MADE AN ENORMOUS IMPACT ON CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.
OUR BOYS KEEP THIS UP AND WE MIGHT NOT EVEN NEED THOSE NEW THUNDERBOLTS.
COMMANDER HILL WANTS A SIT-REP ON STORM AND RICHARDS, S.H.I.E.L.D. TEAM NINE. YOU NAILED THESE CLOWNS YET?
TWO MINUTES, CONTROL.
SWITCHING TO INFRA-RED...

STARK TOWER:
EXIT
NIGHTHAWK! STATURE! CAN I JUST SAY HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE THAT YOU GUYS ARE JOINING THE PRO-REGISTRATION CAMP?
COULDN'T HAVE BEEN EASY JUST WALKING AWAY FROM CAPTAIN AMERICA LIKE THAT.
ACTUALLY, IT WAS PROBABLY THE TOUGHEST DECISION I'VE EVER HAD TO MAKE, MISTER HOGAN.
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. YOUR HEAD SAYS TONY STARK, BUT YOUR HEART WANTS THINGS JUST THE WAY THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN.
UNFORTUNATELY, WE'RE LIVING IN A DIFFERENT WORLD NOW, SIR. I GUESS IT TOOK GOLIATH TO MAKE ME REALIZE THAT.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, CASSIE? YOU SURE YOU'RE READY TO JUST WALK AWAY FROM ALL THE OTHER YOUNG AVENGERS? THIS IS A HUGE STEP YOU'RE TAKING HERE...
PEOPLE WANT US TO BE PROPERLY TRAINED, MISTER HOGAN. IT'S NOT THE NINETEEN-FORTIES ANYMORE. ALL I WANT IS TO DO MY JOB TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITIES.
GREAT. WELL, I'LL GET YOU DOWNSTAIRS FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS IN A SECOND OR TWO, BUT TONY STARK SAID HE WANTED TO WELCOME YOU GUYS PERSONALLY.
NOT LIKE THE BIG GUY TO KEEP PEOPLE WAITING...

AUNT MAY AND MARY JANE ARE AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE.
I'M DISAPPOINTED IN YOU, PETER...
NOT
AS
DISAPPOINTED
AS
I
AM
IN
MYSELF--

AVENGERS HEADQUARTERS.
REINFORCED GLASS.
NOW...
STAND BACK, MISTER STARK! WE GOT HIM!
STOP!
HOLD YOUR FIRE!
DAMMIT.

STARK, THIS IS MARIA HILL. I JUST GOT WORD THAT SPIDER-MAN HAS GONE ROGUE. REMAIN IN THE AREA AND WAIT FOR BACKUP. I'M PULLING IN EVERY AGENT ON THE GROUND.
MARIA, WAIT! I JUST NEED TO TALK TO HIM...
REQUEST DENIED, STARK. OVER AND OUT.
T-BOLTS DIVISION, I WANT FOURTEEN OPERATIVES ACTIVATED ON A SIXTY MINUTE TRIAL! I KNOW WE WERE SAVING THEM FOR THE FINAL BATTLE, BUT SITUATION IS CRITICAL!
INVISIBLE MODE ESSENTIAL AT ALL TIMES! OPERATION THUNDERBOLTS IS STILL TOP SECRET!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, COMMANDER HILL.
I KNEW WE COULDN'T TRUST THAT GUY.

HEADS-UP! PARKER'S BEEN SPOTTED RUNNING THROUGH A SEWER BETWEEN THIRD AND FOURTH! WORD FROM ABOVE SAYS MINIMUM FORCE.
ROGER THAT, BASE COMMAND.
WHAT THE--?

WELL, WELL, WELL. IF IT ISN'T LITTLE PETER SPIDER-MAN.
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE LAW, PARKER? HOW DOES IT FEEL TO SEE THE JESTER WEARING A SHERIFF'S BADGE?
MAN, YOU GOTTA SEE WHO WE'RE HANGING OUT WITH NOW, PETEY. JESTER AND ME. WE'RE FINALLY ON THE A-LIST!
J-JACK O'LANTERN?
HAKK!
OH, BABY! THIS IS JUST TOO AWESOME FOR WORDS!
UNGH!

YOU WANT FRIES WITH THAT, HONEY?!
WHUNKH!
THIS GIG SEEMED LIKE SUCH A BUM DEAL AT FIRST. WORKING FOR S.H.I.E.L.D., FORCED TO DO WHAT THEY SAID--
BUT WHEN WORD FROM THE TOP SAYS KICK THE CRAP OUTTA SPIDER-MAN... WELL, WHAT CAN WE DO? WE'RE ONLY OBEYING ORDERS, RIGHT?
I JUST WANTED TO DO THE RIGHT THING...
...DID YOU KNOW MY GIRLFRIEND DIED OF A BROKEN NECK?
C'MON, LET'S HAVE SOME FUN WHILE HE'S STILL STONED FROM MY GAS-BOMB...
LAY A FINGER ON THAT GUY AND YOU GET FIVE THOUSAND VOLTS, CREEP. YOU REALLY THINK WE'RE GONNA LET YOU FREAKS RUN AROUND WITHOUT A LEASH?
S.H.I.E.L.D. SUPPORT ARE ON THEIR WAY, BOYS. JUST CUFF HIM AND SIT TIGHT.
SPOILSPORTS.

WHAT THE HELL?
WE'VE LOST VISUAL.
WHO--?
WAIT A MINUTE. I KNOW YOU, SKULL-FACE GUY...
I KNOW YOU FROM WAY BACK, DON'T I?

YOU HEAR ABOUT CLOAK AND DAGGER?
NO, WHAT HAPPENED?
BUSTED OVER IN QUEENS. WHICH MEANS OUR BAXTER BUILDING RAID NEEDS TO BE REVISED BECAUSE I WAS COUNTING ON CLOAK FOR HIS TELEPORTATION SKILLS.
DAMN S.H.I.E.L.D. UNITS.
WE'VE LOST A MAN FOR EVERY ONE WE'VE GAINED THESE PAST FEW DAYS.
MAYBE I COULD RAID THE FF'S FILES, CAP. I COULD SHAPE-SHIFT INTO ONE OF THEIR STAFF AND WALTZ THROUGH SECURITY NO PROBLEM.
GOT A BIGGER JOB FOR YOU IN ARIZONA, HULKLING. LIKEWISE, THE INVISIBLE WOMAN ALREADY HAS AN EQUALLY PRESSING ASSIGNMENT.
WHAT'S BIGGER THAN STEALING THE PLANS FOR THEIR NEGATIVE ZONE PRISON? WE GET IN THERE AND FREE OUR PEOPLE, AND THIS STARTS LOOKING LIKE A FAIR FIGHT AGAIN.
WHY THE HELL DOES HE CALL IT NUMBER FORTY-TWO ANYWAY?
KNOWING TONY STARK, IT'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH HIS MOTHER...

GET ME A MEDIC!
NOW!

THE PUNISHER?
LINDA! JANE! GET OVER HERE!
OH, DEAR GOD. WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
MULTIPLE FRACTURES AND SERIOUS BLOOD LOSS, THANKS TO TONY STARK AND HIS BUDDIES, DOCTOR FOSTER. HE SEEMS TO HAVE INGESTED SOME KIND OF HALLUCINOGEN AT THE SAME TIME...
IRON MAN? I THOUGHT SPIDEY WAS SO FAR UP HIS BUTT YOU COULDN'T SEE HIS FEET ANYMORE.
YEAH, WELL, HE'S ON OUR SIDE NOW, ULTRA-GIRL.
OUR SIDE? SINCE WHEN [redacted] YOU ON THIS TEAM, PUNISHER?
SINCE THE OTHER GUYS STARTED ENLISTING KNOWN THIEVES AND MULTIPLE KILLERS.

AM I THE ONLY ONE LAUGHING MY GUTS OUT AT THE IRONY HERE?
WHO DO YOU FIGURE'S BEEN RUNNING AROUND IN A SKI MASK AND COVERING YOUR BACKS THESE PAST FEW WEEKS? WAY I SEE IT, YOU PEOPLE NEED ALL THE HELP YOU CAN GET.
GREAT. WHY DON'T WE JUST CALL UP HANNIBAL LECTER AND ASK IF HE'S AVAILABLE TOO?
BECAUSE HANNIBAL LECTER HASN'T GOT THE BLACK OPS TRAINING TO GET YOU INTO THE BAXTER BUILDING.
OH, GOD. PLEASE TELL ME WE AREN'T SO FAR GONE THAT WE'RE SIGNING UP THE PUNISHER?
YOUR CALL, CAP. DO WE HAND THIS NUT OVER TO THE COPS OR DO WE HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY?
QUIET, CAGE.
I'M THINKING.

HELL'S KITCHEN
THIS IS HORRIBLE.
THE PUBLIC'S BEHIND US, THE GOVERNMENT'S BEHIND US. CRIME IS AT AN ALL-TIME LOW. WHY ARE OUR OWN PEOPLE THE ONLY ONES CAUSING PROBLEMS, JENNIFER?
SOMETIMES I WISH WE'D NEVER GOTTEN INVOLVED. DO YOU EVER STOP TO THINK HOW MUCH EASIER THINGS WOULD BE IF WE HADN'T SPLICED THOR'S DNA WITH HANK PYM'S CYBER-TECH?
IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THIS BIG FINAL BATTLE PLANNED WITH ALL THOSE THUNDERBOLT LUNATICS?
2 TO GO
HANK WOULDN'T BE DOPED-UP ON ANTI-DEPRESSANTS AND MY DARLING SUE WOULD NEVER HAVE LEFT...
MAYBE NOT. BUT PUBLIC OPINION WOULD HAVE FORCED S.H.I.E.L.D. TO BRING DOWN EVERY SUPER HERO IN AMERICA.
PEOPLE WERE SICK OF SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD KIDS BLOWING UP BUILDINGS, REED.
YOU GUYS GAVE US ALL A FUTURE.

RYKER'S ISLAND PENITENTIARY:
YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE DOING THIS, DAREDEVIL. WE DON'T TAKE ANY PLEASURE IN HUNTING DOWN OUR FRIENDS.
WE'RE BACKING THESE REFORMS BECAUSE THE ONLY OTHER OPTION IS A COMPLETE BAN ON ALL SUPER HEROES. AND NOBODY WANTS THAT TO HAPPEN, RIGHT?
GATEWAY IS ACTIVE! PROCEEDING THROUGH!
OUR BIG IDEA IS FIFTY SUPER-TEAMS SPREAD OVER ALL FIFTY STATES, EACH ONE LICENSED AND ACCOUNTABLE TO THE TAXPAYER.
IT'S THE NEXT STAGE IN SUPERHUMAN EVOLUTION: A FEDERAL FORCE FROM COAST-TO-COAST.
THE NEGATIVE ZONE:
WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR MONTHS, CREATING NEW SUPER HEROES AND REVAMPING ANYONE WHO WANTS TO JOIN US.
NATURALLY, YOU'D BE AT THE TOP OF OUR LIST IF YOU WERE INTERESTED. YOU COULD EVEN HAVE YOUR OWN TEAM.

# MARVEL HEROES HOTSPOT

"Now with twice as many people to blame!"

## TOM SEZ

There have been some changes taking place within the Marvel Heroes editorial crew since we last met, so I thought I'd take a minute to bring you all up to speed, and to welcome the new guys.

First off, Andy Schmidt is leaving the world of Marvel Heroes to go toil in the vineyards of all things X-related. Replacing Andy is Warren Simons. Warren, a man of mystery, is the chief architect behind such titles as DAREDEVIL, SENSATIONAL SPIDER-MAN and the upcoming IMMORTAL IRON FIST. I'd like to tell you more about Warren, but he's simply so stealthy that I'm still not quite sure he even truly exists. (But I don't like to ask a lot of questions so long as the books come out when they should.)

Returning to Marvel and joining the Heroes office in an editorial capacity is the one-time Your Man at Marvel, Bill Rosemann. Bill's most immediate duties will include taking over MS. MARVEL and shouldering the burden of ANNIHILATION and its aftermath. And, with any luck, Bill will be a welcome contributor to this Hotspot page every month, relieving my tired typing digits.

Finally, joining the Marvel family from those other guys uptown is Stephen Wacker. Over the past few years, Steve's been responsible for titles such as *Legion of Super-Heroes*, *Jonah Hex*, *JSA* and a little thing called *52*. He was also one of the folks involved in the JLA/AVENGERS crossover a couple years ago, so he already smells a bit like a Marvelite. Steve's going to be starting his Marvel tenure by taking on FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN and the larger plan for the web-slinger that we're putting together for the middle of next year.

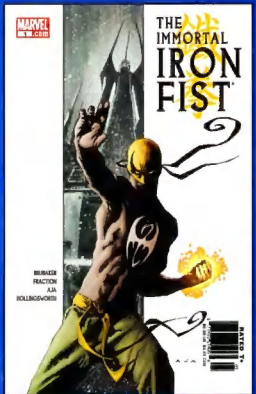
Assistant Editors Molly Lazer and Aubrey Sitterson will continue in their roles, and I'll do my best not to foul things up more than usual.

"The old order changeth," as they say. You have been briefed. Carry on.

Tom B

ITEM! Response to our return of the No-Prize was large and varied. And while we couldn't legitimately grant a No-Prize to everybody who submitted something, there were a number of worthy Marvelites who were so awarded. This past month, the list included Guilherme Biondani Vicotte, who learned English from reading Marvel comics; Freddie Yelinek and Matt Pierce, who shipped off 79 lbs. of Marvel comics to servicemen in Iraq; and Hugh Sheridan and Steve Quincy for participating in Tom's Marvel Editor Simulation (please don't tell us you're not following the Marvel blogs regularly at http://www.marvel.com/blogs/ ). But we've still got a bushel of the things to hand out to anybody else whose contributions to the cause of Marveldom are worthy, so if you feel that you or someone you know is deserving of this highest of honors, why not drop us a line at mheroes@marvel.com?

ITEM! Spinning out of the pages of DAREDEVIL this month is a new ongoing series devoted to Marvel's premier martial arts maven, the Immortal Iron Fist. Not content simply to focus on Danny Rand, series writers Matt Fraction and Ed Brubaker explore the entire history of the Iron Fist mantle, and uncover the identities of the previous wielders of the power of the fist of iron. The kinetic artwork of superstar-in-the-making David Aja ties it all together into a high-kicking, fast-moving melee of comic book action. If you're a fan of DAREDEVIL or CAPTAIN AMERICA, or you simply like to experience the finest in martial arts mayhem, keep your eyes peeled for THE IMMORTAL IRON FIST #1, on sale this month!




ITEM! By the time you read this, it'll all be over, but on November 5th, IRREDEEMABLE ANT-MAN artist Phil Hester is scheduled to make an appearance on ABC's *Extreme Home Makeover*! Phil's talents were enlisted to help reconstruct the home of a family, including a young comics fan, whose previous farmland dwelling had burned to the ground. Phil and his buddies, Brook Turner and Aaron Gillespie, rode to the rescue, and aided Ty Pennington and the EHM cast and crew in transforming the boy's recreated domicile into a comic collector's paradise!

ITEM! And speaking of crossovers you never expected, the November 1st episode of daytime soaper *The Guiding Light* featured guest appearances by a bevy of Marvel characters! At this point, it's probably too late for most of you reading this to tune in, but you can still be a part of the fun by checking out the special tie-in story featuring the New Avengers and Springfield's newest heroine, the Guiding Light herself, appearing in assorted Marvel titles this month, including our own CIVIL WAR: CHOOSING SIDES!

## ON SALE NOVEMBER 2006

**AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL #2:** An assassin targets one of Spider-Girl's friends--but who?

**ANNIHILATION #4:** Think the other endings have been shocking? Just wait until this one!

**AVENGERS NEXT #1 & #2:** The Avengers must choose a new lineup, right after they battle zombie versions of themselves!

**AVENGERS: EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES #1 & #2:** Goliath, the Wasp, Hawkeye, the Black Panther and the Vision…are these Earth's Mightiest Heroes?

**BEYOND #5:** Trapped in Limbo, how far will our heroes go to survive?

**BLADE #3:** : Blade goes on a date and goes to jail, but necessarily in that order!

**CAPTAIN AMERICA #24:** A CIVIL WAR tie-in! Cap faces his worst fears and the Red Skull makes his move…

**CIVIL WAR #5:** Sides change and chaos reigns as evildoers make their presence felt!

**CIVIL WAR: FRONTLINE #8:** Will Speedball make it out of prison alive?

**DAREDEVIL #91:** Will the revamped Matador put DD in his grave? Maybe that's why Tombstone is here, too!

**DOCTOR STRANGE: THE OATH #2:** What happens when Night Nurse teams with Doctor Strange?

**FANTASTIC FOUR #541:** The Thing in France? Sacre bleu!

**FANTASTIC FOUR: THE END #1 & #2:** Alan Davis writes and illustrates the final story of Marvel's first family!

**IMMORTAL IRON FIST #1:** From the pages of DAREDEVIL, Danny Rand starts in his own history-spanning, mystery-revealing, epic series!

**IRON MAN #13:** A CIVIL WAR tie-in! Climb inside Tony Stark's head and learn why he has chosen to lead the pro-registration side!

**IRREDEEMABLE ANT-MAN #2:** The Death of Ant-Man! The biggest little action from the littlest big men in comics.

**JACK KIRBY'S GALACTIC BOUNTY HUNTERS #4:** To get Garrett back, the Galactic Bounty Hunters must invade Dangerland!

**MS. MARVEL #9:** It started way back in AVENGERS ANNUAL #10--will Rogue and Ms. Marvel settle their historic feud here?

**NEW AVENGERS #25:** A CIVIL WAR tie-in! Iron Man has made a fatal mistake--now he must pay the price!

**SENSATIONAL SPIDER-MAN #32:** She's stuck with him through thick and thin, but will his CIVIL WAR public unmasking finally drive Mary Jane away from Peter?

**SHE-HULK #13:** Starfox's fate is decided as She-Hulk learns a dark secret inside the mind of Thanos!

**STAN LEE MEETS DOCTOR DOOM #1:** "The Man" is abducted to Latveria by Doctor Doom!

**STAN LEE MEETS THE SILVER SURFER #1:** Galactus summons Stan to deal with the "problem" known as the Silver Surfer!

**THUNDERBOLTS #108:** A betrayal could tear the Thunderbolts--and the universe--apart!

**UNION JACK #3:** Allies become enemies when Sabra, the Arabian Knight and Countess Val target Union Jack!